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DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL ROADS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to earmark funds under the merged schemes of `Roads in Special Areas` and `Rural Connectivity through all weather Roads` will be extended to Naxalite infested regions in the States like Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not considering the development of rural roads in the Naxalite areas;

(d) whether any new Centrally sponsored scheme is on the anvil for development of rural roads on priority; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e): The Central Government are currently in the process of formulating a NationalRural Roads Programme (NRRP), in which context a National Rural Roads Development Committee has been set up.The question of allocating a proportion of funds for Special Problem Areas, (including Naxalite threat perception) would receive attention, as part of the proposed Programme.